

**STATEMENT REGARDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION**

Signed at Rome, Italy, April 12, 1985

EXPLANATION OF AGREEMENT

The Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Ministry of Transport of Italy is designed to promote cooperation between the transportation specialists of the parties in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, and to improve transportation systems and techniques without the costly and wasteful duplication of parallel national research and development efforts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEGOTIATIONS

The agreement renews and replaces the Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and the Ministry of Transport signed at Rome, Italy, October 3, 1969. The decision to renew the agreement as a means of stimulating cooperation was reached by Secretary Dole and Minister Signorile during his June 1984 visit to DOT. The agreement was concluded at Rome during Secretary Dole's April 1985 visit.

EFFECT OF AGREEMENT


The agreement provides a framework for mutually beneficial exchanges of information initially in the following fields:


- Containerization,
- Major infrastructure construction technology,
- Emergency transportation,
- Transportation safety, and
- Intermodal freight transportation.

The areas of mutual interest and concern reflect U.S. and foreign emphasis on finding solutions to and developing programs for improvement of traffic and highway safety, intermodal freight transportation problems and emergency transportation planning.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

49 U.S.C. §301.

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- I. This Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministry of Transport of the Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as the parties) outlines a program to achieve mutually advantageous cooperation in transportation. The aim of the program will be to promote cooperation between the transportation specialists of the parties in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, and to improve transportation systems and techniques without the costly and wasteful duplication of parallel national research and development efforts.
- II. To realize the benefits of cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree that:
- (a) They will undertake to exchange information and develop mutually beneficial research cooperation projects in such fields of transportation as are identified in paragraph III below or as may subsequently be agreed.
 - (b) Each cooperation project will be the subject of a project agreement describing the information and experience to be exchanged, and setting forth the details of any cost-sharing or task-sharing involved. Such project agreements will become Addenda to this Memorandum.
 - (c) Specific activities in connection with this program will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

- (d) To administer and facilitate this program, each party will designate an appropriate official as its Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinators will:
 - (1) Conclude project agreements, as authorized by each party;
 - (2) Provide a point of contact for the other party in making detailed arrangements for program activity; and,
 - (3) Arrange for regular reviews of the status and achievements of the overall program and its component projects.
- (e) Any conditions relating to technical documents, patents and other technical data and experience which restrict their use by the receiving party or restrict their delivery to a third party shall be respected by the parties.

III. The following have been identified as the initial areas of mutual interest:

- (a) Containerization
- (b) Major infrastructure construction technology
- (c) Emergency transportation
- (d) Transportation safety
- (e) Intermodal freight transportation.

IV. This Memorandum of Understanding replaces and terminates the October 3, 1969 Memorandum of Understanding between the parties concerning research and development cooperation in the field of transportation. Any Addenda to the 1969 Memorandum of Understanding which are not then completed will be continued under this Memorandum of Understanding when it comes into force. This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature for five years unless terminated earlier by one party giving the other party 30 days' advance written notice. Termination of this Memorandum will not affect the carrying out of any project or program undertaken under the Memorandum or any of its Addenda and

not completed at the time of the termination of this Memorandum. This Memorandum may be amended and/or extended by written agreement of the parties.

Done at Rome, in duplicate, in English and Italian, both languages being equally authentic, this day of April 12, 1985.

For the Department of
Transportation
of the United States of America

For the Ministry of
Transport
of the Italian Republic

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